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For: COBALT IMPRINTED POLYMER COMPOSITION FOR SELECTIVE REMOVAL OF
COBALT, PROCESS FOR PREPARATION THEREOF, AND PROCESS FOR
REMOVAL OF COBALT

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October 25, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 09/30/2004 finding that applicants have claimed three patentably distinct inventions (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" in view of any one or grouping of the others under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicants hereby elect the patentably distinct Invention I comprising claim 1 for further prosecution in this present application.

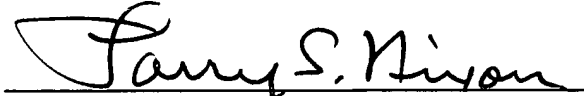
Attention is also directed to the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement and IDS fee for this stage of prosecution.

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